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REMARKS:Status

Claims 1 to 20 are pending. Claims 1, 17 and 20 are the independent claims.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action dated May 11, 2004, required restriction to one of the following groups: Group I including claims 1 to 16 and 20, and Group II including claims 17 to 19. That Office Action indicated that the processes of Group II were distinct from the apparatuses of Group I because those processes "can be practiced by another materially different apparatus."

Claim 17 of Group II as now pending explicitly recites the elements of the apparatus of claim 1 of Group I. Accordingly, the claimed processes and apparatuses are not believed to be distinct, and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

If the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, then Applicant reiterates their earlier provisional election of Group I including claims 1 to 16 and 20, and the Examiner is requested to withdraw claims 17 to 19 from consideration.

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Election of Species

In response to the election of species requirement in the outstanding Office Action, Applicant elects the species shown in Figs. 3 to 6. Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10, 12, 15 to 17, and 20 are believed by Applicant to be readable on this species.

Withdrawal of Attorney

The attorney of record, Dane C. Butzer, filed a request to withdraw from this case. However, approval of the request has not yet been received from the Patent Office. Accordingly, the withdrawal has not taken effect, and the attorney of record is filing this paper on behalf of Applicant.

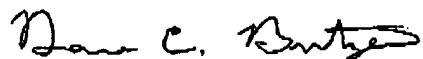
Dane C. Butzer is still withdrawing as the attorney in this case, pending approval by the Patent Office.

Closing

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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